## Application No. 10/074,364 Amendment dated December 15, 2003 Reply to Office Action dated September 16, 2003

## Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the title of the application at page 1, line 1 with the following title:

## **ELONGATED ILLUMINATION DEVICE**

Please replace the ABSTRACT beginning on page 60, line 2 with the following paragraph:

A lighting apparatus for illuminating side surfaces of objects or equipment including, for example, vehicles including boats, retail and/or store shelving and/or equipment, bars, desks, counters, walls, railings, steps or stairs, and/or any other object or surface, as desired. In some embodiments, the lighting apparatus includes a bumper member. When so provided, the lighting apparatus may help provide a level of protection to objects and/or surfaces that are subject to bumping, sliding or other abuse.